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Grade six scores big

Archie Stouffer students exceed provincial average in reading, writing tests

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School won't hesitate to take home the results of the recent EQAO tests.

While both the Grade 3 and Grade 6 results

showed signs of improvement in all three areas of testing – reading, writing and math – the Grade 6 students in particular did very well, exceeding the provincial average in both reading and writing.

The EQAO tests, administered to students in

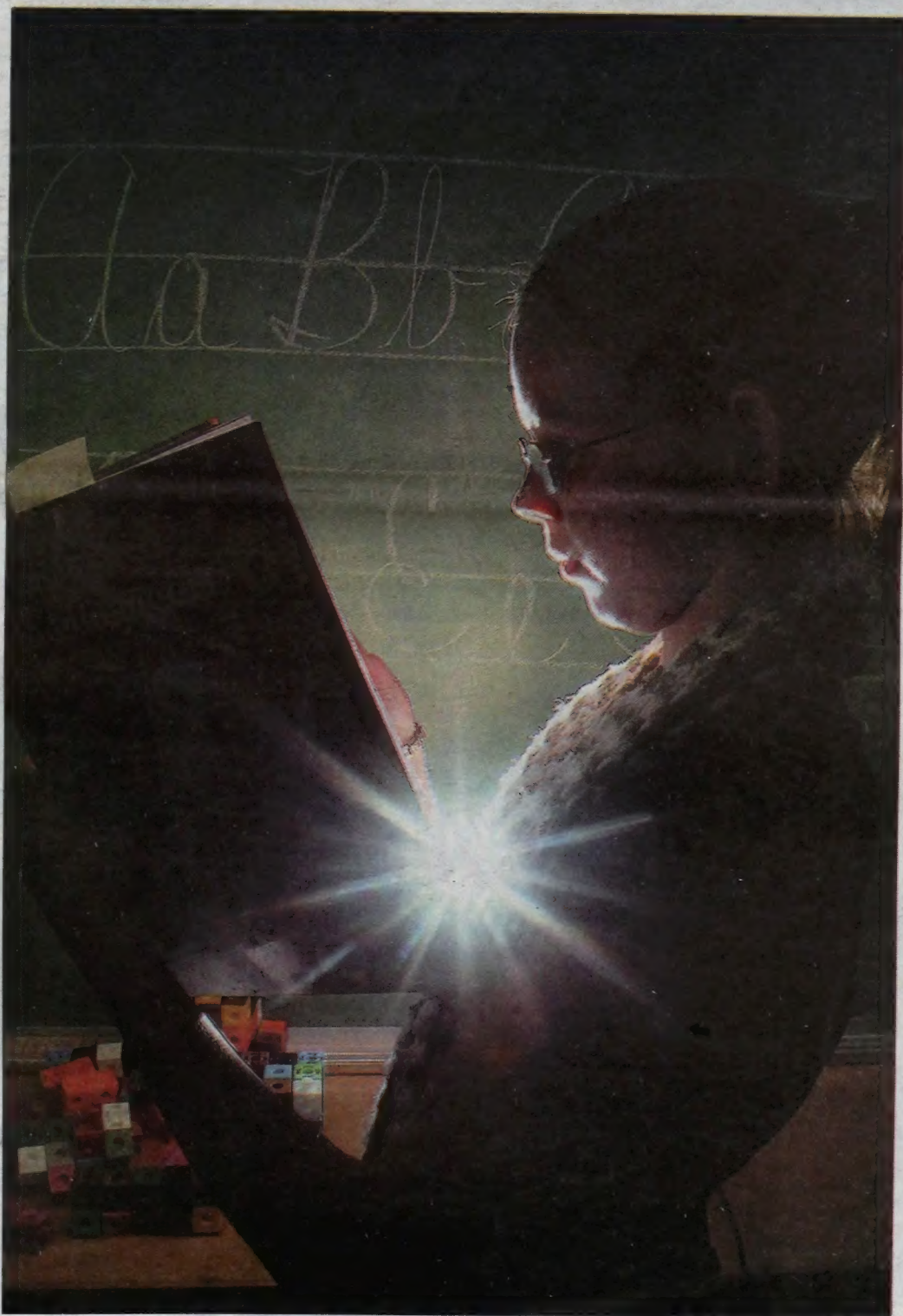
Grades 3, 6 and 9 over a five-day period in May by the Education Quality and Accountability Office, are a province-wide standardized testing scheme designed to track education performance and improvement.

ASES Principal Rick Thorne said the test is an indicator of the school's efforts towards education.

"It's a good result. It's part of a number of other factors or tools that we use to look at student learning. This is a measure that shows that the group did well on that particular test," he said.

Not only did the Grade 6 test results show marked improvements from last year's testing, the Grade 6 students scored well above the provincial average in both the reading and

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Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 6 students shone at last year's EQAO testing, exceeding the provincial averages in reading, writing and mathematics. Photo by Darren Lum.

Smelly toilets? Not a problem with new vent

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

The new Arctic Vent, developed and manufactured by Heat-Line in Stanhope, will change the way many people in cold climates relate to their toilets.

For Lorne Heise going to the bathroom in the arctic is his latest success story.

"It's a problem we would never even think of," says Heise, the founder and president of Heat-Line, a company well known for its ingenuity in heated water pipe systems.

The problem is the freezing and blocking of toilet vents in arctic climates. As warm air, carrying sewer gases, rises up the vent, it condenses and freezes when it meets the cold air outside. Over time, throughout the winter season, the vent completely freezes over.

With the vent blocked, not only are sewer gases redirected inside the house causing an influx of pungent odours but the methane gas poses a significant threat to safety.

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The Dysart et al firefighters use the jaws of life to extricate Minden resident Valerie Jones, 45, from the wreckage as Hydro One workers walk past citizens who were with the driver prior to the emergency service workers arriving at the scene on Cty. Rd. 1 a few minutes southwest of Haliburton on Tuesday, Nov. 22. The vehicle struck a hydro pole, prompting the Hydro One employees to attend the scene. Photo by Darren Lum.

Jaws of life used in crash

Minden woman injured

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

At approximately 2 p.m. on Tuesday November 22, a white Jeep travelling northbound on County Road 1 veered off the road into the ditch striking a hydro pole.

Valerie Jones, 45, of Minden, suffered head injuries because of the accident, says Haliburton County EMS Director Bob English.

The ambulance was first on the scene, with the Dysart et al Fire Department, the OPP and Hydro One also responding to the call.

The vehicle, totalled during the accident, required the Dysart et al fire department to use the jaws of life to free Jones from the wreckage. The jaws of life are seldom used in motor vehicle accidents in Dysart.

Miles Maughan, Dysart's Fire Chief, says that the jaws of life have only been used about five times this year.

After being rescued from the vehicle, Jones was transported to Haliburton Hospital where she was airlifted to Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto.

As to what caused Jones to veer off the road, Haliburton Highlands OPP Senior Constable Mark MacMaster says that weather was a factor. MacMaster says that there are no charges pending at this time.

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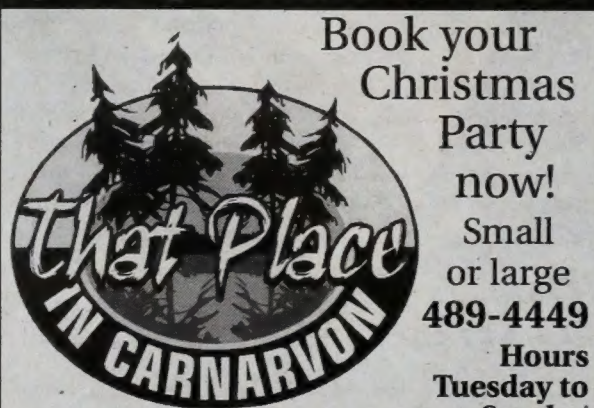
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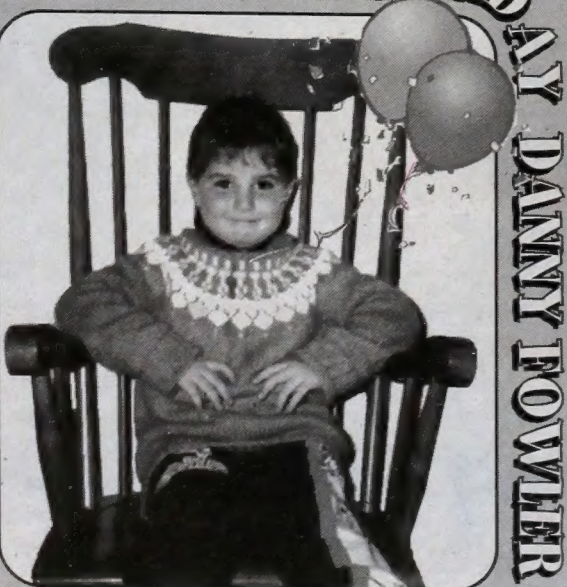
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Skateboard park future uncertain

Community shows solid support for skateboard park but liability may slow it down

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

There was standing room only at the Kinmount Community Centre this past Monday night as a mixed crowd of teenagers and adults packed themselves in to learn about the progress of the Shaun Chapman Memorial Skateboard Park project.

Since its inception in February 2004, the committee spearheading the new concrete park initiative has raised an impressive \$15,000.

*The idea is to have Spectrum Skatepark Creations build a permanent concrete park for skateboarding, like the one built in Madoc not long ago.

Spectrum is prepared to come to Kinmount, make presentations to both the community and city council, offer fundraising advice, help locate potential sites and, most importantly, host design workshops with Kinmount's skateboarders to design a coveted park.

With overwhelming support from the community, a myriad of successful fundraisers and a comprehensive company like Spectrum, it sounds almost too good to be true.

And it may yet prove to be so.

"There are a number of liability concerns surrounding skateboard parks," said Chris Shanks, parks and recreation manager for the City of Kawartha Lakes. "We're frustrated by insurance across the board."

In May of this year, the memorial skateboard park committee formally presented council with its proposal. Council, not surprisingly, asked its staff to create a report outlining the possibility of a city-run skateboard park in Kinmount. The report was released earlier on November 7.

Shanks says that the report did not say yes or no to the proposal, only that there were financial and insurance concerns. He did say, however, that the city thought it was a good idea.

"The city recognizes this as a good project," he said. "The city is very positive



Craig Shanks, the manager of parks, recreation and culture for Kawartha Lakes, spoke to a very crowded community centre in Kinmount about the feasibility of a new concrete skateboard park. Surprisingly, many young people turned out to hear about the future of their favourite activity in Kinmount - skateboarding. Photo by Bryn Weese.

towards the hard work of this committee."

Despite his enthusiasm, Shanks is not entirely convinced the project will go ahead.

"I feel 75 per cent confident that this will happen," he said. With no available city-owned land in Kinmount, Shanks maintains some doubts despite his own support for the project.

"We want to try to work with this committee to get it done," he said. "It's tough because we see community groups like this who work so hard and our hands are somewhat tied (by insurance)."

Lynne Kilby, the chair of the organizing committee, is confident the project will

go ahead. She's even more confident after the well-attended meeting. The overwhelming turnout was proof, for her, that the project is important to the community and has the support to see it to fruition.

"It's amazing how many people came out tonight," she said to the crowd. "It just goes to show you how much people support this project."

"I believe we can see the light at the end of the tunnel because I think the project will go through," says Kilby. "though it is a really long tunnel."

Support for this project comes not only from those wishing to honour the memory of Shaun Chapman, a young hockey

player from Kinmount who was tragically killed in a car accident. Others, namely the skateboarders themselves, want a place to go and something to do, a challenge in some smaller communities.

"I just get frustrated," says 14-year-old Adam Hockey. "I'm going to be 20 by the time this gets done. I understand things take time, but..."

Jonathan Hockey, age 18, was also frustrated. "There is pretty much nothing to do around here," he says while adding that this park is especially needed for children who are not old enough to drive out of town in search of things to do.

The joint frustration of adults and teenagers over the recent report by city staff has led council to ask staff for a new report, this time with input from the memorial skateboard park committee. That was the purpose of Monday's meeting.

One of the big-ticket items for the committee is where to build the skateboard park.

Until recently, the leading candidate was the Austin Lumber Mill Park, but because the city's lease on the park will expire in approximately 10 years, Shanks said that neither he nor other members of city staff would recommend that site. He also said that the soil, saturated with decades of sawdust, would not be suitable for a concrete skateboard park.

There are other suitable sites, Shanks said, though he would not divulge the specifics of those locations at the meeting. He said he did not want to jump the gun on negotiations with property owners before the city is ready.

As it stands now, the new staff report will be prepared for the first meeting of council in January.

Lynne Kilby and the organizing committee will be working hard with the city staff throughout the holidays to ensure the new report offers a way forward for the Shaun Chapman Memorial Skateboard Park.

The next memorial skateboard park committee meeting is scheduled for December 19 at the Kinmount Community Centre.

Chamber steers in brand new direction

by BRYN WEESE
Times staff

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce is heading in a new direction now that the county has assumed responsibility for promoting tourism.

This is good news, president Eric Christiansen told members at the Chamber's recent annual general meeting at the Delta Pinestone.

"We are very glad that the county is taking the [tourism] bull by the horns," he said. "It's what they should have done a long time ago."

Christiansen added that doing tourism marketing for the county took up a lot of time and resources that can now be spent exclusively on promoting the chamber's membership, a membership that numbers approximately 400.

Because the chamber was dependent on the county's contract money to market the county, says Christiansen, they felt compromised when it came time to challenge the county for the betterment of its members.

Not that the chamber intends to challenge the county, but it can do so freely now if need be.

At the annual general meeting, much of the focus was on the new direction for the

chamber - namely, new initiatives that are planned for the future.

The Chamber has revived the Winter Carnival, dormant for several years. In addition, a potential Rock and Gem show is in the works for the Minden area next summer.

"There seems to be a lot of interest in that," said Christiansen.

In addition to securing a seat at the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, the chamber is working to welcome new businesses into the area with a new initiative, the "Highland Hello."

To guide the chamber on its new path, a new mission statement has been adopted which reads: "The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, through its leadership, is committed to continuously promote and foster the business climate and enhance the quality of life in our community."

As stated, the organization wants to see every business in Haliburton County become a thriving, successful venture year 'round.

Although countywide tourism may no longer be the chamber's role, tourism businesses are still members of the chamber.

Several members voiced concerns about the chamber's eagerness to turn tourism promotion over to the county.

One resort owner said that she was concerned about the new direction of the chamber.

"If you don't have the roofed accommodations and tourism businesses renewing their memberships, we will not have the revenue," she said.

Scott de Savoye, general manager of the Delta Pinestone, also voiced his opinion about how the chamber should continue to promote its tourism business members. The chamber would now need to promote its tourism members "not through billboards and websites," he said, but through lobbying, for example, for lower taxes from the municipalities.

While the transition from being tourism boosters to a newly-defined board of trade is still evolving, several members at the meeting expressed their desire to see the chamber communicate better with its members.

"We're moving from this crazy tourism thing to a board of trade and we've got to know what that is," said former chamber director Graham Beeby. "You'll never know what your members want unless you talk to them."

For more information about the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, visit www.haliburtonhighlandschamber.on.ca or call 1-877-811-6111.

Minden students score above average

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writing tests.

In reading, 68 per cent of Grade 6 students at ASES scored at or above the provincial standard, compared to the 63 per cent average for the province.

Likewise in writing, 66 per cent of Grade 6 ASES students scored at or above the provincial standard compared to 59 per cent for the province. In the math testing, only 59 per cent of Grade 6 ASES students performed better than the provincial standard, the results were in line with the provincial average of 60 per cent.

The results for the Grade 3 testing were not as high as the Grade 6.

Thorne acknowledges the Grade 3 group didn't meet the province average, but was pleased there was an improvement in all categories (reading, writing and mathematics) compared to last year's results.

"We were up in every area," he said. "We're showing gains."

Amongst the Grade 3 results, mathematics was the highest with 63 per cent of students scoring at or above the provincial standard. The provincial average for Grade 3 was 66 per cent.



Grade 3 scores weren't as good as those of Grade 6 but the local school board is happy. Photo by Darren Lum.

In reading, 51 per cent of ASES Grade 3 students scored at or above the provincial standard while the provincial average was slightly higher at 59 per cent. Likewise in writing, while 46 per cent of students scored at or above the provincial standard, the average throughout the province was 61 per cent.

Despite the lower scores of the Grade 3 testing, the Trillium Lakelands District School Board is very happy with ASES's results.

The board's director of education,

Kathryn Verduyn, says that the board has made a real push to keep improving the schools' results. Specifically, the board has focused on sharing good teaching practices amongst the schools.

Verduyn says, however, that the EQAO testing is not a complete picture, more like a snapshot.

"We sometimes unfairly make judgments based on the EQAO results," she says.

The EQAO report itself states, "Each school is unique." It continues "to appreciate the distinctive character of a school, look at the contextual information to understand the features and characteristics of the community it serves."

Verduyn agreed, saying that there is more to an education experience than reading, writing and math and that school-to-school comparisons are not necessarily beneficial.

"Comparisons to other schools can be unfair," she says. "The goal is to have schools examine their own performance from year to year."

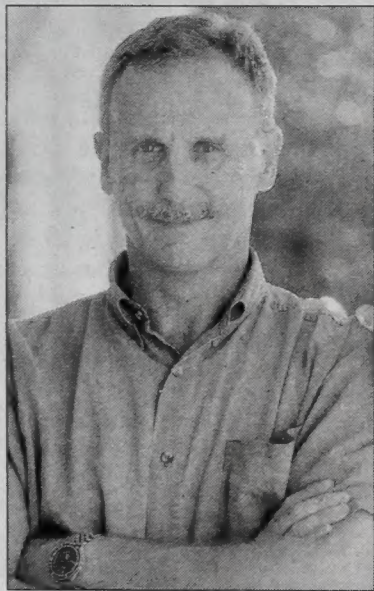
In addition to tracking the improvement of ASES's performance in reading, writing and math, the testing has also revealed the discrepancy between boys' and girls' literacy ability. This discrepancy is not exclusive to ASES; throughout the Trillium Lakelands District School Board and across the province girls outperformed boys in both the reading and writing tests.

At ASES, the discrepancy may be skewed somewhat by the different ratios of girls to boys in both the Grade 3 and Grade 6 classes. ASES's Grade 3, for example, is 60 per cent boys and 40 per cent girls. This may account for the lower than provincial average scores in both reading and writing. Conversely, ASES's Grade 6 is 40 per cent boys and 60 per cent girls. Again, this may account for the higher than average scores in both reading and writing.

To raise the literacy rate of boys in both Grades 3 and 6, Thorne says the province has invested more resources towards

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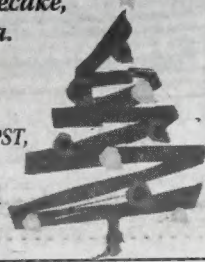
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Improving boys' literacy is a big priority for board

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improving boys' literacy since it showed the boys scoring lower in reading and writing.

From the board's perspective, Verduyn says that getting the literacy results for boys to improve is a high priority.

"We are committing a fair amount of money to reading materials of interest to boys," she says. "I think it's a matter of catching their attention."

Thorne said his school has added more "high interest" books for boys to the library, for example, books on snowmobiling and motocross (motorcycling).

This kind of approach has also been applied to mathematics.

"We're always looking for resources to support programs so that goes right across the board because there are boys who don't need those special books. But it's the kids down the road that we possibly see at risk: not wanting to stay in school, not doing well in school. If we can get them hooked on to books ... that's why we're putting resources in that specific area. It's not that we're slighting the girls, but they just seemed to pick up and read a variety of sources."

He adds that books on "social aspects" such as "dating, and dealing with and becoming a teenager" were recently added to address the concerns of most female readers. Boys, too, could benefit from these resources.



Loving libraries

Chair of the Friends of the Kinmount Public Library Virginia Dunn, at left, personally thanked five past librarians Marion Austin, Bonnie Wilkins, Grace Graham, Andrea Thurston, and Ruth Schultz for their service during Library week in Kinmount at the Kinmount Public Library on Saturday, Oct. 22. The Friends group purchased one book for each librarian, who chose them according to their experiences, that will be donated to the City of Kawartha Lakes. Each of their books will bear an inscription indicating that the book has been donated in recognition of these librarians. Photo by Darren Lum.

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A Valentine for Bill

Bill Valentine was a man who defied stereotypes. A member of Mensa, an organization for people who have a rather elevated I.Q., he spent most of his career teaching one of the shop courses at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. A passionate believer in all things Haliburton County, he was also one of the fiercest critics of its shortcomings. A man who could be relied on to stare political correctness in the eye, those eyes also twinkled with delight when he knew he was stirring the pot.

This county lost a man of big heart and strong beliefs when Mr. Valentine died last week from complications of a botched hip replacement. With his passing, it's a bittersweet time to reflect on the qualities he embodied, and how we can all aspire to share some of them.

Born as a fourth generation Highlander, he was the son of stone mason, a man truly of the earth. It's almost as if every rock – and there are lots of them in Haliburton County – took on a personal value. At the very least, the rock upon which the county was built became a symbol of all the opportunities that exist here.

Early in his career as a teacher, he spent nine years at Central Senior school in Lindsay, where he met his wife, Sandy. Throughout their 43 years of marriage, they kept their youthful romance alive, taking joy in each other's company and forging a friendship that was a strong and stable as all that Haliburton rock. They spent some time teaching in Africa before moving back to Lutterworth where he began teaching woodworking to generations of teenagers at HHSS. Although he had his principal's papers, Mr. Valentine remained content as a teacher, having direct and enduring contact with students.

You'd never hear Bill Valentine say a bad word about teenagers. They were the county's future and he couldn't be prouder of them. Whether they stayed in the Highlands to build the local economy or went on to achieve success far beyond the county's borders, all he wanted was their happiness. He wanted for them what he had achieved for himself – and what he had achieved had nothing to do with the outer accoutrements of success. He didn't need society's stamps of approval or recognition. Instead, he was living in a land he loved, with the woman he loved, and doing the job he loved with people he loved. Who could ask for more?

So why did he get such a reputation as an irascible letter to the editor writer? Oh, could his barbs be sharp! His letters were short because he never needed to take much time to make his point.

But if Mr. Valentine was critical, it was because he believed the county could do better. He knew that we have tremendous resources here, both physical and human, and was disappointed when we didn't live up to our potential. He believed in us! Why couldn't we do things right? A man who embraced the simpler values of life, he didn't confuse simplicity with stupidity. Stupidity was not to be accepted or passed unnoted.

We could all learn from Bill Valentine: celebrate what we have while striving to attain the high standards that we, as stewards of this wonderful land, have an obligation to set for ourselves.

– Martha Perkins

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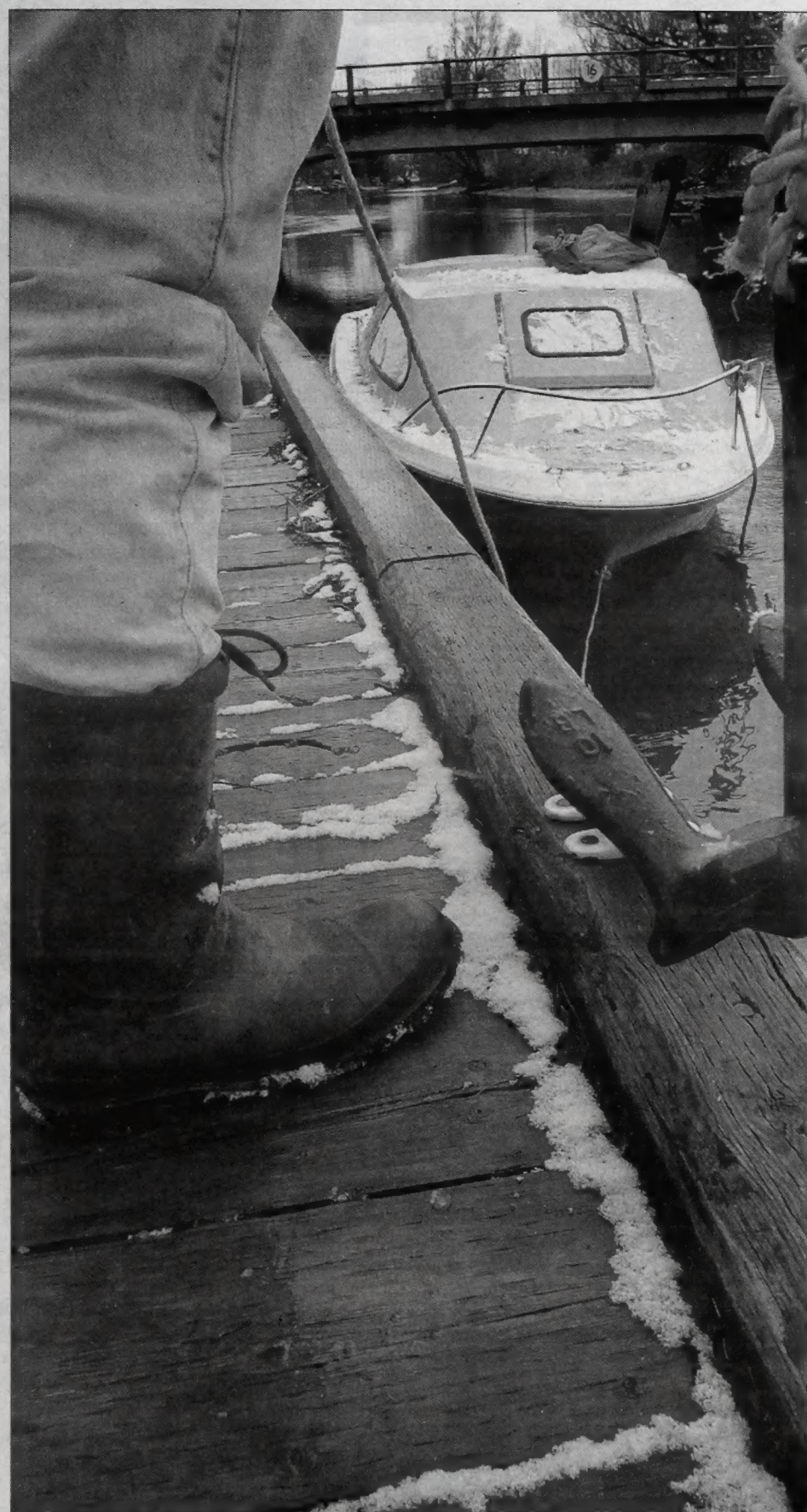
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Winter boots, riverside.

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Bill Valentine, the letter-writer and the man, will be missed

To the Editor:

Haliburton County in general and Minden Hills in particular has lost a great and honourable citizen.

Bill Valentine was probably the most prolific composer of "letters to the editor" that the Times newspaper had the privilege of knowing. You knew that when a letter appeared in the paper from Bill, that the

contents would be stimulating, witty, perhaps "controversial," but always "readable." He gave that certain flair to his letters that kept the reader interested right to the end.

Bill will be sorely missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Bill and Susan Beers,
Minden

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Shock and awe

Now I'm not saying that it's right to base your happiness on the misfortune of others, but I do think that, every now and again, the tragedies that befall your fellow man can serve to show you how lucky you really are.

Take, for instance, the case of a 26-year-old man in Fort Myers Beach, Florida. I'm guessing that he was either blind drunk or mentally unfit for duty. In any case, something convinced him that it would be a good idea to get naked and run around the neighbourhood breaking windows and propositioning women. Which, by the way, just goes to show you the kind of trouble you can get into when your Internet server is down.

Anyhow, right away, I'm glad that I'm not him.

But, of course, his predicament got worse when the police showed up. The cops obviously judged that the man was no real threat, since he was naked and

all. With that in mind, they determined that a Taser would be all that was needed to subdue him. I mean, why hurt him right?

Just so we're all on the same page, a Taser is a weapon that fires two barbed probes attached to fine electrical wires. Once the probes have pierced skin, the victim is infused with very high voltage — enough say to light up the Times Square Christmas tree. The idea is to incapacitate rather than kill. It's shock and awe, so to speak.

Generally, the idea is to shoot for the upper torso. Unfortunately, the cops say, the man moved, as naked men confronted by police often do. And so it was that one of those probes hit him well above the knee but somewhere below the belly

button, if you catch my drift. Let's just say it was an in the ballpark homer. Yes, he was wired for sound. Talk about fried green tomatoes.

Now, getting shot with a tiny barbed harpoon in the genitals is one thing — actually I'm guessing one of those life-altering experiences that might induce a man to join a remote monastery — but the best was yet to come. Soon our hero was dancing the kind of dance that only a man with 10,000 volts to the boys can dance. If he were holding a bag of popcorn, I'm guessing that the party would have been complete.

I bet that, right then and there, the man was cursing Ben Franklin for coming up with the concept of electricity. And, if he had any time to think at all, he probably wondered how he had ended up at

this pathetic juncture in his life.

But I wonder if he knows that his one unselfish act of moving while in the line of fire served to brighten up my day. I mean, here I was at home without any inspiration or subject matter for this column.

Heck, I was feeling down about myself and I too was wondering how I had ended up at this juncture in life.

But after reading about his plight, suddenly my problems seemed to pale in comparison. Suddenly, I knew it could be a whole lot worse.

I hope the judge gives him credit for this during sentencing. And more than that, I pray he was stinking drunk when all this occurred.

No one, not even a small time pervert, should go through that kind of pain sober.

Being drunk would have somehow been fitting too. After all, even the Taser probes were half in the bag.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

A little poached moose for lunch

"What I will have for lunch," says Old Delahanty, "is some of that poached moose."

"There was a story about it in last week's paper and although I read only the headline, it sounded pretty tasty. How long does it have to simmer?"

The old codger had seated himself at his favourite table in the Sapsucker Arms tearoom. He waves away the luncheon menu even before the waitress Gretchen could offer it to him and now his request leaves her speechless.

"Bring me some toasted Winnipeg rye bread with that, and some mulled apple cider. That would really hit the spot." And he smacked his lips in anticipation.

Young Robicheaux, who has come looking for Delahanty to ask him for a ride back to Horned Grebe Lake, is standing right behind the waitress by now. He and Gretchen are both aghast.

So is The Brown Dog Jiggs, who has been warming himself beside the unlit fireplace off in the corner. He comes out of his reverie, sits right up and yawns hugely when he hears the word moose.

"Poached moose!" harrumphs Gretchen. "Did you want that with or without the antlers? Or was that the pudding you wanted? Chocolate moose? Or the hair dressing?"

Then she stalks out the door to take a

cigarette break even though she doesn't smoke.

"Maybe she's out of moose," says Robicheaux. "You could have poached wild turkey instead. There was one out on Jehoshaphat Hill only last week."

"The fella said he'd just shot it, so I guess at that point it would be no worse than medium rare. Said he had a permit to hunt turkey. I guess nobody told him about hunting zones."

Gretchen steps out the door just long enough to find that it is snowing and comes storming back into the tearoom.

"Poached means hunted illegally," she says. "It has nothing to do with cooking. You poach eggs. Or salmon. And you can't serve moose in a restaurant. Not even in this one."

"I guess they'd be too big to sit in any of your chairs," Robicheaux observes, making Gretchen so angry that she steams off to the kitchen without even offering to feed him.

Delahanty, who came into the tearoom mostly to show off his new plaid mackinaw but also to have a good feed of poached moose, is nonplussed. Soon the

way things seem to be going, he will be hungry as well.

Robicheaux sits thinking for a moment. "So they don't serve moose but they do serve dogs," he says and Jiggs, mistaking his meaning, growls politely at him.

"Where is it written that you can't poach moose?" Robicheaux wonders.

"Probably it could be done. In the culinary sense, I mean."

"Of course, three different people told me this fall that eating moose meat isn't good for you. It probably isn't too good for the moose, either."

Delahanty seems distracted and Robicheaux decides Jiggs might make a better audience. "Maybe they could poach all of those ducks the health police decided to kill out in British Columbia because the ducks had some kind of bird flu."

Nothing fuels indignation like an empty stomach and Delahanty, smelling the chance for a rant that will help clear his sinuses, rises up from his torpor.

"One duck and it doesn't even have the flu that spreads to humans but one thing might easily lead to another and so you

kill the whole darned flock."

"Why stop there?" he asks. "I says we should kill all of the wild birds; they're the real culprits."

"Wilson's phalaropes. Chickadees. Evening grosbeaks. Black-backed three-toed woodpeckers. Penguins. Even horned grebes. Kill 'em all; one of them might have the flu."

Robicheaux shrugs. "I bet there are starving people in Darfur who would take a chance on bird flu and eat the ducks anyhow. That just shows how hopeless they are in their thinking."

Just then the waitress Gretchen comes out of the kitchen bearing a bushel of scones fresh from the oven, a slab of butter and a pot of crabapple jam. "But no moose," she says.

"No moose, poached or otherwise, at this year's Prince Edward Island game dinner either," Robicheaux declares as lucidly as he can with his mouth full of buttered scone.

Bits and pieces of scone spew in all directions and The Brown Dog Jiggs, hearing the patter of little crumbs on the tearoom linoleum, rouses himself and comes to investigate.

Robicheaux swallows. "Next year in P.E.I., no muskrat ears or seal flippers or beaver tails unless the meat has been federally inspected. The health police say so."



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Quit blaming victims, reader writes

To the Editor:

Glenn Hall writes that insurance brokers are professionals who work on behalf of consumers. He is 100% correct. The problem is that the insurance industry in Canada has long been eliminating the broker from the insurance process and assessing risk, not through people like Mr. Hall, but through bean counting actuaries holed up in offices hundreds and thousands of miles away from where the risk emanates. Brokers used to be the front line — the eyes

and ears for insurance companies. They are slowly being eliminated.

Litigation is only a problem because insurance companies do not pay claims fairly, in a timely way or appropriately. The world is full of mistakes. That is why we have insurance. But insurance companies see the claimants as the enemy. We wouldn't need to litigate if claims were paid fairly. Blaming the victim, as Mr. Hall implies in his letter, is hardly the proper solution.

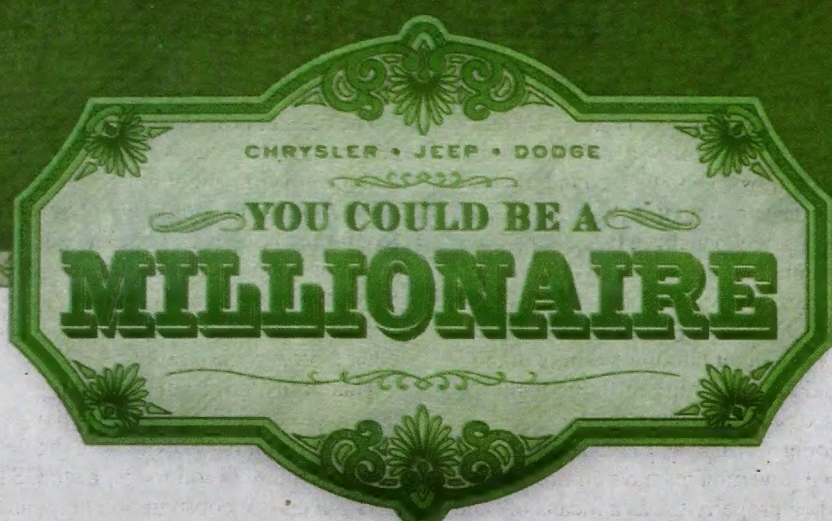
The insurance companies in Canada

made more than \$4 billion in profits last year — a record — a year after they claimed they were going broke. This was a year after they convinced Ernie Eves that they were about to disintegrate and thereby put a deductible on auto claims such that every innocent accident victim in the province, whether struck by a drunk driver or not, must pay \$30,000 off the top of any claim they make back to the insurance industry. That is right — if a jury awards you \$90,000 for injuries you suffered, you only get \$60,000. If your child is killed, you must

subtract \$15,000 from your award. This is outrageous. It is indefensible.

Insurance companies should quit blaming victims, pay claims fairly and stop trying to gouge people who want a Santa Claus parade just because some Poindexter tells them there is profit to be made that way. They should pay Mr. Hall to assess each risk fairly and reasonably and not see every parade as an opportunity to fill their Ebenezer sized purses.

Charles Flaherty
Hamilton



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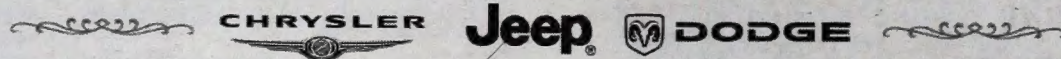
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Reader takes property assessment to task

To the Editor:

The following letter was first sent to Dwight Duncan, the provincial minister of finance, and Ontario Ombudsman Andre Marin.

Dear Minister and Ombudsman Marin:

Thank you for your prompt reply to my concern regarding the recent MPAC property assessment of my lakefront property. The 58.9 per cent assessment increase over my 2003 assessment staggered me momentarily, which brings me around to this whole issue of property tax and the funding of local municipal government.

My personal belief is that funding municipal taxes through residential/industrial property taxes is regressive, flawed and distorted due to population density. It is well known that 90 per cent of the population of Canada lies within 100 miles of the US border. Consequently, counties such as Haliburton have a considerably lower population density than regions in southern Ontario and thus, it is impossible to provide equal student funding based on the lower tax base. I haven't begun to calculate how much of the tax base is derived from "cottagers" alone, who have no representation and whose children will never be allowed to avail themselves of an education in cottage country. Furthermore, not alone does Haliburton County have a small population but it also has a tiny industrial tax base, which traditionally contributes a higher proportion of municipal taxes.

Under the current MPAC mandate, home improvements such as refurbishing of a kitchen or an upgrade of a bathroom can be perceived as adding value to the proper-

ty and hypothetically, contribute to higher CMV on the next property assessment. This leaves me perplexed and dumbfounded. It is impossible to understand the logic and rationale behind this thinking. What kind of society penalizes its citizens for just maintaining their property, in most cases their only valuable asset? I suspect that many property owners undertake renovations without building permits in order to avoid the possibility of future higher assessed property values.

In countries such as England and Ireland national governments have completely abolished property tax as a means of funding municipal government and switched to funding local government through general revenue. In Ireland, since property tax was abolished the exchequer has consistently

returned more revenue year over year.

The current property taxation, based on current market value is deeply flawed and the government of Ontario is, in affect, forcing the property of Ontario to pay for the poverty of Ontario. What does it matter if a property has a high value? Shouldn't we all contribute and pay in proportion to what we consume, rather than what a property is worth?

Thankfully, government thinking appears to be shifting towards "pay as you go". This thinking is evident in the debate over the future of toll roads. Both GST and PST are classic consumption taxes and have to be paid regardless of income strata.

The writer is not suggesting that we not pay taxes. On the contrary, we in Ontario

enjoy a standard of living second to none and look forward to continuing to do so. I would, however, suggest the government of Ontario look at other options that are available and equitable to all, but that would require a complete overhaul of taxation and the will to change. I'm not sure if this Government has the stomach or the intellectual capacity to grapple with this monster.

In closing, my subconscious mind keeps returning to the immortal maxim of the great Dr. Johnston: "Politics is the last refuge of a scoundrel". Go ahead gentlemen, make my day and prove me wrong.

Martin Smyth
Kawagama Lake
Dorset

Watch your step, health unit warns

Winter is no time to slip up on safety.

With older adults at a greater risk of falling on snow and ice, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is urging seniors to take action now to stay on their feet. The Health Unit is kicking off its 'Falls Prevention: You're in Control ... Every Step of the Way' safety campaign during Senior Safety Week to highlight the risks of being injured from falls.

Statistics show falls are the leading cause of injury deaths for people over the age of 65. It's estimated one in three older adults suffer a fall each year.

"While falls can be devastating to an older person, the good news is that most falls are preventable," says Angela

Andrews, a Health Promoter with the HKPR District Health Unit.

She urges older adults in Haliburton County to celebrate their independence by seizing control of their situation. This means preparing for the upcoming winter by realizing and removing potential hazards around them that could cause injury.

"Snow and ice are the most common winter obstacles, so action here is imperative," Andrews notes.

Keeping walkways, steps and driveways well lit and clear of snow and ice is crucial. Having a shovel and bag of salt/sand/cat litter easily accessible during winter months makes sidewalk cleaning easier. Reporting walkway/sidewalk hazards to your local municipality is also

advisable.

For better traction in snow, Andrews suggests wearing boots or overshoes that have a deep tread and fit properly. She says using equipment such as hip protectors, ice grippers on shoes, or an ice pick at the end of canes can also help people stay on their feet on icy walkways.

Older adults who want further help to prevent falls can pick up a free home safety checklist at their local Health Unit office. They can also look for copies of the Staying On Your Feet ... At Home & Beyond Guide being delivered to their local libraries this month. For more information on falls prevention, call the Health Unit at (705) 457-1391 or visit www.hkpr.on.ca.

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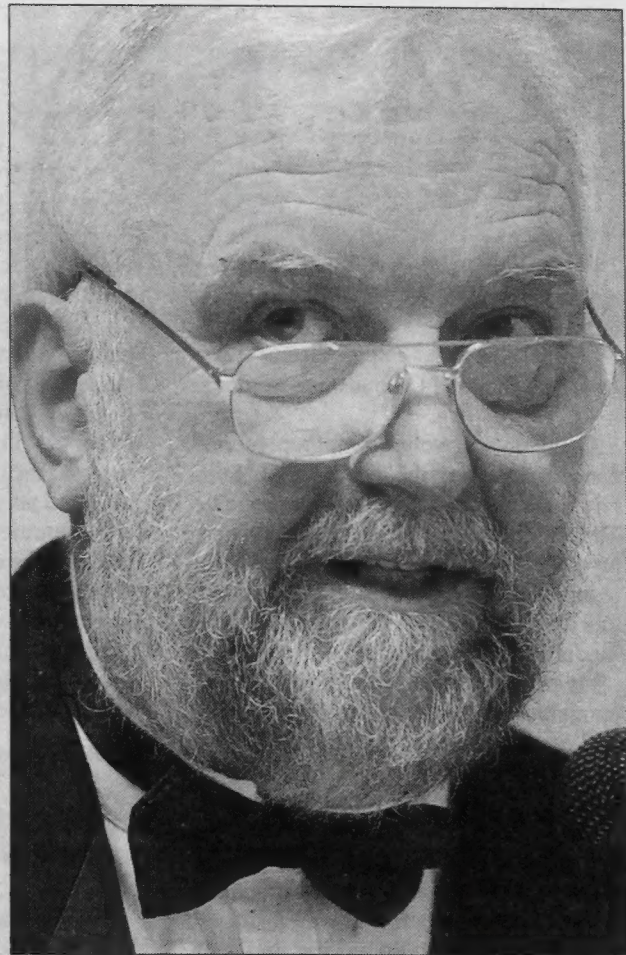
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Arty laughs

Lorraine Forgrave and her husband Peter accept their wine tickets, laughing as they're told tickets for two glasses of wine isn't enough from Susan Kellar and Dale Walker at the Arts Exposed event held at the Minden Cultural Centre to raise funds for the Minden Cultural Centre on Saturday night, Nov. 19. The annual event, that included a silent auction for more than 200 people who attended, grossed more than \$11,000. Organizers said the loonie auction was very popular. Pieces were donated by artists Sue Forbes, and John Lennard. Photos by Darren Lum.



Jack Brezina had a frenzy of bidders for his bow tie during the loonie auction. Brezina emceed the Arts Exposed event.

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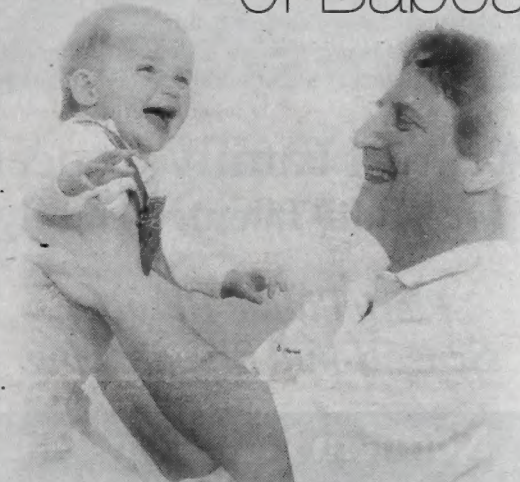


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Market bigger than inventors thought

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safety concerns. Another solution had to be found.

"The Nunavut Housing Corporation asked us what we could do," Heise says of how the link was made between these arctic communities and the small company based next to the Stanhope Airport.

The Arctic Vent developed by Heise and his team is a heated vent that melts any and all accumulating ice in toilet vents. There is nothing else like it on the market.

"New product development is what we feed on," says Heise. "It's great; we love it."

A review of Heat-Line's other signature products reveals a history of innovation and creativity. Continuously setting the industry standards for those who follow, Heat-Line's reputation is what brought the Nunavut Housing Corporation to Heise in the first place.

In fact, the challenge of solving the north's toilet problem was so alluring that Heat Line began without proper market research.

"We were half-way into the project before we realized how big the market really was," says Heise.

The market appears to be virtually infinite as more and more orders come pouring in.

"We can't keep up," Heise says as he signs off on another truck full of Arctic Vents bound for the north, this time Inuvik in the Northwest Territories. "We're 10 days behind on everything."

Heat-Line's new Arctic Vent is sought after not just by homeowners and developers. The Cold Climate Housing Research Centre at the University in Fairbanks, Alaska, is currently studying the Arctic Vent's energy-saving potential.

In the arctic climates, it has become standard practice to install six-inch diameter vent pipes instead of the usual three-inch piping. Heise's guess is that, since larger holes take longer to freeze over, the six-inch pipe required less frequent clearing.

The six-inch piping, however, also doubled the size of the hole in the roof and, in very cold weather for months at a time, the six-inch vents inevitably led to significant heat loss.

"If that's the case," says Heise, "think of the opportunity."

Because the Arctic Vent melts the ice away, there is no need for six-inch piping. The Arctic Vent is designed to fit a three-inch hole in the roof.

The design of the Arctic Vent itself is very simple and, of course, patented. A standard three-inch pipe is wrapped with a heating element, then insulated, and then inserted into a tube made of Lexan, a virtually indestructible material that will stand up well to the harshness of the arctic environment.

"I've tried to break it with a sledge hammer," says Heise of the Arctic vent's durability. "We wanted it to be tough because it is in a very harsh climate."

As simple as can be, the Arctic Vent is operated by



Lorne Heise, president of Heat-Line, assembles an Arctic Vent with his son Brent at the company's manufacturing warehouse in Stanhope. Heise enjoys getting his hands dirty inventing new products that help solve people's problems. Photo by Bryn Weese.

plugging it (or hardwiring it) into a standard 120-volt power outlet.

In true Heat-Line fashion, the Arctic Vent is also offered in a hot-water model. In lieu of an electrically heated element, a coiled water pipe carries hot water around the innards of the vent. This model can be hooked up directly to the home's water supply. Heise says that the hot water model is cheaper to operate, given the rising price of electricity.

Heat-Line's success story begins in a garage where Heise, an electrical contractor by trade, first began developing his ideas into tangible inventions.

Those inventions have earned the respect of the housing industry. In 2001, Heat-Line's Paladin One won both the Best New Canadian Product Award 2001 from the Canadian Hardware and Housewares Manufacturers Association and the Innovative New Product Award from the Canadian Retail Hardware Association, the Paint and Decorating Retailers Association and the Canadian Hardware and Housewares Association.

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To this day, Heise estimates that 80 per cent of his time is spent on design and product development.

"I'm a get-your-hands-dirty type of guy," he says. "I love to invent."

And invent is precisely what Heise continues to do, even with the success of the Arctic Vent.

"As soon as we were done with the vent, they said 'Now, can you make a [heated] drain system?'"

The prototypes for Heat-Line drain systems are already on the table, both in electrical and hot water format. These Heat-Line projects are gratifying beyond financial success.

"We're solving people's problems and we know that the product is quality," Heise says.

For the most part, too, Heat-Line's products are also Canadian quality.

"We're old school that way," he says about keeping the manufacturing in Canada. "There is something nice about dealing in Canada."

Heat-Line is currently planning a massive expansion of their operations in Stanhope.

In the near future, the Arctic Vent and research and development will be housed in their own facility next to the current building.

"We're growing again," says Heise. "It's a really nice thing."

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Challenging year for outgoing warden

Warden's Banquet winds down Jim McMahon's term as Haliburton County's chief

by BRYN WEESE
Times staff

Jim McMahon's term as warden for Haliburton County is coming to an end in style following the annual Warden's Banquet, held this past Friday at the Minden Community Centre.

"My year as warden has been both an uplifting and challenging year," McMahon told his guests at Friday's dinner. "It has been my privilege to serve as warden of your county. Thank you."

McMahon's life in Minden began in 1982 when he became a permanent resident. Quickly thereafter, in 1983, he became deputy reeve of the former township of Lutterworth. His municipal political career prospered and, in 1994, McMahon first served as warden of Haliburton County.

Until recently, he has been serving as deputy-reeve of the amalgamated Minden Hills township. After former Reeve Ross Rigney resigned from politics in early fall, McMahon became Reeve of Minden Hills.

As warden, McMahon has been involved in several key initiatives for the county, some of which have proved challenging to say the least. Notably, McMahon has worked hard to re-open the Frost Centre, but so far to no avail.

"We've been trying to find a solution but it's been disappointing so far," he says. "The provincial government is dragging its heels. I don't want to see it go empty another year."

Another key project for McMahon



MPP Laurie Scott and Warden Jim McMahon share a laugh at the Warden's Dinner held last Friday in Minden. Photo by Bryn Weese.

while serving as warden for the county was the introduction of high-speed Internet throughout the county. W3

Connex, the company contracted to bring broadband service throughout the county, is hopeful that the county will be 'wired'

by early 2006. Municipal offices and schools will be hooked up very soon.

Working for the municipalities and the county, McMahon's modus operandi has always been to serve the ratepayers.

"We're stewards of the ratepayers," he says. "We should be helping them, not putting up roadblocks. That's the way I've always looked at it."

His hard work at both the municipal and county levels has gained him the respect of both the Minden community and Haliburton County at large.

"When you ask Jim to do something he does it," said Gord Monk who served as the master of ceremonies for the evening. "He is an honourable man."

His reputation in politics also extends to his provincial and federal peers.

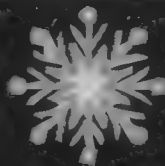
"As a resident of Haliburton County I want to thank you for the work you've done," said federal MP Barry Devolin. "I know you've had a lot on your plate these last few years both in Minden Hills and as Warden of Haliburton County."

Laurie Scott also had kind words for McMahon. "Jim, it's been a pleasure working with you as warden over the last year," she said.

With his term as warden wrapping up, McMahon plans to devote himself to the ratepayers of Minden Hills as reeve until next November when municipal elections are slated. His dedication to municipal politics, he says, is not something you choose to do, but rather, "it's in your blood."

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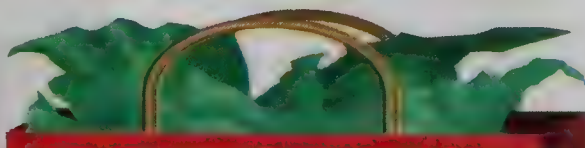
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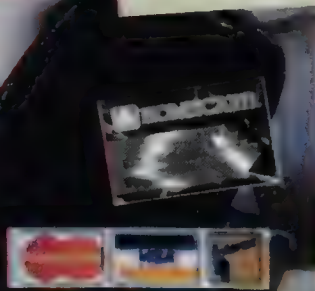
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Keep Hawk Lake landfill as transfer site: association

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

The following are brief notes from the Algonquin Highlands council meeting held November 17.

Council received a letter from the Halls and Hawk Lakes Property Owners Association concerning the closure of the Hawk Lake landfill site next spring.

Principally, the approximately 300 association members, 91 per cent of whom are seasonal residents, fear that the closure of the landfill site will result in a loss of a very convenient waste disposal site.

The association is asking council to keep the Hawk Lake landfill site open as a transfer station once the landfill reaches capacity. Waste collected at the Hawk Lake site could then be brought to Maple Lake or another municipal facility.

The association is concerned about the active bear population which thrives on the landfill site. If the site ceases to provide the bears with food, cottagers and other property owners fear the bears will look to homes for food.

This year, Algonquin Highlands received \$25,000 from the Ministry of

Natural Resources for the Bear-Wise program. CAO Lorne Mitchell says that while \$5,000 of that money was for educational material on how to deter bears from homes and cottages, the remaining \$20,000 was for the purchase of mobile bear-proof recycling containers to be used at certain landfill sites as the need arose.

Another point made in the letter to council was that since 40 per cent of the association's members have water-access properties, convenient waste disposal is one of the few services they enjoy for their disproportionately higher taxes. If, when the Hawk Lake landfill closes, no transfer station is set up in its stead, it will be the end of one of the municipality's most visible services to cottage and waterfront property owners.

Council is in the process of finalizing its waste management plan and future landfill and transfer station sites have not been determined.

Hazardous waste days

This coming summer, there may be several hazardous waste half-days in lieu of one full day.

A proposal initiated by Minden Hills Environment and Property Manager Bob Romberg calls for Minden Hills and

Algonquin Highlands to share the cost of several half days where residents could dispose of hazardous waste. The idea would be to hold the hazardous waste half-days near the holiday weekends to be convenient.

Both townships have held only one hazardous waste day a year. Whether Algonquin Highlands would have three, four or five hazardous waste half days is still undecided. Council is considering Minden Hills' proposal and has asked for more information.

The cost would not increase significantly because it is believed the same amount of waste would be collected.

Dorset tower

Barb Kostenuk, the Dorset Tower coordinator, reported on the findings from the tower's 2005 annual report.

Unfortunately, the number of visitors and revenues were less than in 2004. Kostenuk cited the hot weather and the rising gas prices as major contributors to the decline in numbers.

As she says, "There are good years and bad." Not surprising, bottled water and pop were popular items sold at the tower.

The user-pay binoculars mounted on a permanent base popular at many scenic

attractions are no longer at the Dorset Tower. They had been installed and were being leased by the Tower. When usage patterns indicated they were not popular, private contractors offered to sell them to the Tower. The tower staff declined.

Next year, a seasonal pass to the Dorset Tower may increase from \$10 to \$15. While not finalized yet, Kostenuk says that the price has not changed in several years while maintenance costs have increased.

Hunting and fishing

Council unanimously supported in principle an initiative by MP Inky Mark to enshrine Canadians right to hunt and fish. While that right currently exists for First Nations peoples, Mark says that Canada's original pioneer families also depended on hunting and fishing for survival.

Bill C-391 is a federal piece of legislation, introduced earlier this year, that would formally recognize Canada's hunting and fishing heritage and offer protection of related activities.

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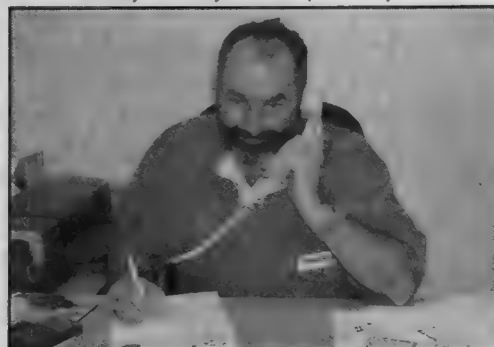


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Also in the Kinmount area raffle tickets are now on sale by the Shaun Chapman Memorial Skateboard Park Committee for a combined prize of a Christmas turkey food basket and a beautiful hummingbird and flower sculpture crafted and donated by our village blacksmith Kevin Robillard. The basket is on display at the K. & T. Cafe on Main Street with the draw to be held on December 19. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5 and are available at the Cafe and other local businesses or give Lynne a call at 488-2919.

At the Kinmount Legion's Big Bucks Bid Euchre on November 16th Roger Fournier was first, Rose Isaacson second, Mike St. Thomas third and Pearl Cowen won for hidden score. This popular event is held on the third Wednesday of every month at the Legion starting at 11 a.m..

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

November 15 bid euchre at the Minden Legion: The top trio members were Berkie Parker 306, Thelma Francis 295 and Ken Young 283 with Gala Stamp, Joan Jones, Edith Burch and Margaret Fletcher holding the hidden scores. Moonshots went to Pat Roussel, Tom Grix, Marcel Roussel, Bob Jones and Isobel Cherwenka along with Jean and Pat Scadden.

November 15 euchre at Gelert: For the ladies Emily Harvie was high and Theresa Deak low with Hazel Benetin leading for the gents and Rita Crofts low. Rita also won the draw while our reporter Audrey Vick held the most lone hands.

November 15 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: Top spot went to Laura Carnegie and Belle Walker at 366 with Colleen Davison and George Bye next at 346. Shirley Alderton teamed up with Joan Meadows for third at 321 while the afternoon's low of 154 was posted by Flo Roussel and Verna Sawyer.

November 15 contract bridge at Stanhope: One Slam was played by Gloria and Ray Moore with Gloria's score of 9920 the highest in convener Ross Fletcher's ten year recall and likely since the group started playing together. Ross was second high at 6930 followed by Ray Moore 5230 and Margo Davidson 4970. Bruce Armstrong won the lucky draw, Joan Davies the Shiny Penny and to Gloria Moore the "Q.O.T.R." Award as she was being crowned "Queen of the Realm".

November 16 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Using the Howell System Pat Hannah and Muriel McIntosh were first at 59% then Judy Neimann partnered with Bill Sandford next at 57% and Stella McMillan teamed with Ross Davies third at 55%.

November 16 bid euchre at Stanhope: Moonshots landed on Rob Evans, Helen Windsor, Grace Berardi,

Pearl Cowen and Willie Cox. Pearl Cowen led the pinks at 266, Jean Scadden tied for second with Trudy Kroes at 258 and Gala Stamp took third at 246. For the white cards Grace Berardi was first at 314 then Pat Scadden 279 and Garth Windsor 256.

November 16 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion: Mildred St. Thomas was high lady and Thelma Francis low with Theresa Deak high man and Mike St. Thomas low. The Harvie family had a double win with Emily taking most lone hands and Harold the draw.

November 17 euchre at the Minden Legion: Lone hand honours went to Jim and our reporter May Bradbury with Gala Stamp and Marcel Roussel posting the high scores and Flo Roussel and Hazel Dorman the low. Other prizes went to Pat Roussel, Lorna Hicks and Hazel Dorman along with May and Jim Bradbury.

November 18 bid euchre at Club 35: Percy Butler, Dick Coffey, Alf Whyman and Jean Randell took the moonshots while Chris Clarke and Ray Sisson held the hidden scores. Leading the pinks was Marnie Butler at 257 then Mary Pearson 251 and Olive Jones 244. Rob Evans topped the white cards at 323 with Dick Coffey next at 274 and Garth Windsor 253 third.

November 18 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Verna McDonald won for high hands, Helen Skelding for lone hands, Maria Tschida for low hands and Nick Boekestyn for the draw.

November 18 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills: In first were Elva Robinson and Margo Davidson at 61% followed by Chuck Wilson and Ross Fletcher at 59% and Judy Neimann partnered with Ross Davies at 58%.

November 19 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Pat Roussel, Theresa Deak and Albert Foster took the moonshots with Pat high for the pinks at 275, Margaret Fletcher second at 270 and Pearl Cowen 268 third. Pat Bailey led the whites at 303 then June Branning 280 and Jesse Barlow 249 while Helen Henderson, Isobel Cherwenka and Don Burch won the draws.

November 21 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: On November 14th Margaret Fletcher won high hands, Maria Tschida lone hands, Helen Skelding low hands and Elaine Yeo the draw.

This week's winners were Pearl Cowen high hands, Pat Bailey lone hands, Martha Harding low hands and Luverne Stewart the draw.

November 21 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand honours went to Lorna Hicks and Gwen Cox with Jeanne Keliele and Bill Mosley winning the special prizes. Pearl Cowen and Lorne Dinesen recorded the high scores while Marion Stickwood and Betty Sharpe posted the lows. The Club extended a warm welcome to newcomer Hazel Maxwell.

November 21 euchre at Club 35: Everyone was glad to see Tom Pearson back in action taking the men's high with Olive Jones first for the ladies. Colleen Davison and Alvin Cowen posted the lows, Barb Robitaille won for lone hands and Marjorie Cowen took home the baloney.

November 21 cribbage at the Minden Legion: Joe Rivers, Don Hicks and Lois Adamson were the top trio with Jean Scadden, Bob Cleverly, Lois Adamson and our reporter Elva Paisley the evening's other prize winners.

November 21 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion: High score holder was Roger Fournier with Mildred St. Thomas second high. Theresa Deak won the draw with Marcy Morgan, Emily Harvie and Rose Isaacson taking the moonshots.

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Red Hawk wrestlers tackle new season

Tournament in Haliburton is expected to draw even more interest to popular sport

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

The Red Hawks wrestlers will be showcasing their talents in Haliburton this season.

HHSS will be hosting this year's all-day Kawartha Wrestling Championship tournament on Feb. 15.

Co-Head Coach Paul Klose expects to have more than 200 wrestlers from 10 high schools compete at the tournament.

"It'll be exciting with all the schools coming here," he said. "It's nice to come home and show the school what the sport is about. The kids are excited and love to perform on their home turf. It'll help build the program as well."

With nearly 50 wrestlers the program isn't in dire need of more wrestlers. He

believes the Kawartha competition could "bring up the calibre. If we can keep the numbers, but improve the calibre that's great," he said. "Also, when they hear people talk about wrestling and people actually see wrestling they get to know a little bit more about the sport."

Optimism is high for the year. Klose said there is a group of Grade 12s who will be competing in their fourth year. Jeff Griffin, Brad Brown, Rebecca Ide, Jackie Grech are expected to have a strong season.

"You never know, though," Klose said.

Dan Fockler and Klose continue to coach the team together and are impressed with the new batch of first-year female wrestlers.

"We're really pleased with the young women this year," Klose said. "There's lot of them; lots of Grade 9 girls...their interest, their enthusiasm. That's the key to building the program."

There are 48 wrestlers currently on the team and the coaching staff is impressed by how quickly the wrestlers are learning the new techniques.

Klose says that, as always, interest is

high, but this group has proven to be quick studies.

"They really seem keen to learn the technique. The rookies are picking up moves quickly, [but] that may also because we have some good veterans helping out coaching," he said.

Haliburton expects to compete with 28 wrestlers in Trenton next week when they will compete for the first time this season.

There is a possibility former Red Hawks wrestler Melanie Howitt, a current Brock University Badger wrestler, will return to work out with the team.



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At right, Co-Head Coach Paul Klose watches his wrestlers practise moves up in the Hawks Nest the day before the Trenton tournament—the HHSS wrestling team's first taste of competition this season.

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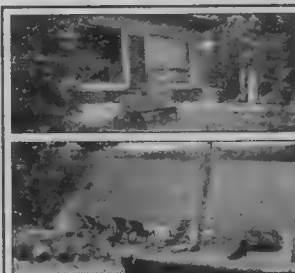


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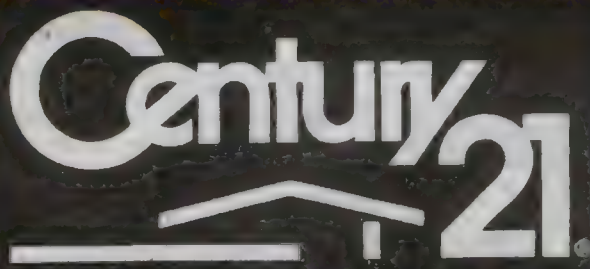
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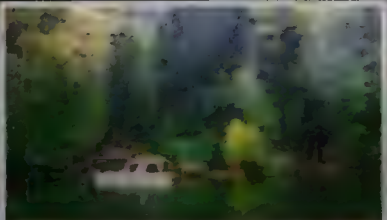
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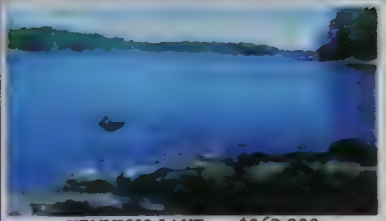
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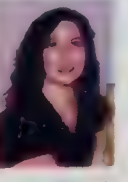
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Stanhope Heritage Museum will be very busy in new year

Museum website receives 20,000 hits a year



STANHOPE LIFE

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Carol Moffatt updates us on Stanhope Museum activities. The summer visitor season may be over but there's lots going on at the Stanhope Museum. Volunteers meet weekly to catalogue artifacts and update the computerized database. This is detailed and exacting work but means that every item has a unique number and can be easily found in storage. Some 3,000 items have been catalogued and almost 1,000 have been entered into the database.

New exhibits are being planned for 2006, including one on Pioneer Families. Stay tuned for how your family can be part of this exhibit. An updated website is underway, too. The museum website is very popular, receiving almost 20,000 visits per year.

The museum was successful in receiving a grant from the Eastern Ontario Development Fund for the digitization of its photograph collection, a project that will begin in the new year and is expected to generate some revenue for the museum. Recent donations to the museum include several hand-carved yokes and two baby cradles. The Heritage Gardens this year produced a good crop of citron melons that will be turned into citron marmalade in the spring.

The log chute has enjoyed tremendous popularity throughout the Fall season. Financial donations continue — and are still welcomed! The log chute model was invited to be part of the recent Children's Water Festival at the Kinark Outdoor Centre and the site itself has been visited by several outdoors and educational groups, including the Ontario Stewardship Council and Sir Sandford Fleming College.

Don't hesitate to contact the museum folks about anything related to Stanhope history. The website is www.stanhopemuseum.on.ca.

On December 3 and 11, check out The Great Giveaway, a two part earth-friendly Christmas for all ages. Carol Kilby and Lisa Barry will facilitate this seasonal drama with a green twist. Make gifts at Homestead Potters studio and share refreshments at the Gaia farmhouse. Call 705-754-2427 for information.

For those willing to drive to Minden in the evening, come out on December 1 to The Minden Hills Cultural Centre and enjoy an evening of tales of days gone by. The I Remember When evening will feature stories told from participants' pasts. Raconteurs will be taped and collected for Lance Aggatt, a student intern at The Minden Hills Museum. Lance will be compiling stories for inclusion in the Museum's 2006 publication. Stories can be from any time, any place and need not revolve specifically around life in the Highlands. People from across the county are invited to share apple cider, treats and great memories.

Jen Sharpe will be leading a workshop entitled Fabulous Realities: Discovering, Freeing and Phrasing Your Spirituality in Free Verse Poetry on December 6 at 6 p.m. To register, call 705-754-2427.

Bob Phillips of The Kushog Lake Property Owners Association has sent me a copy of the report given by Bob Top, executive director of WRAFT at its Annual General Meeting on November 5. If, as a waterfront property owner, you are concerned about huge assessment increases and what you can do to help fight them, visit WRAFT's website for information or e-mail me and I will forward a copy of the report to you.

To submit any item of interest to this regular weekly feature, please e-mail bpjohnson@sympatico.ca or call (705) 489-3878. Share what you know about what's happening in Stanhope or how you enjoyed a particular event or gathering.

CARNARVON BOWLING

Tuesday Afternoon, November 8
High Average: Ken Thompson 207; Lillian Mattsson 192
High Single: Robert McIvor 257; Tina Hadley 195
High Single HC: Ed Rhynold 285; Barb Milligan 259
High Triple: Ken Thompson 617; Jean Pugh 565
High Triple HC: Ed Rhynold 698; Jean Pugh 618
Tuesday Night, November 8
High Average: Ken Thompson 225; Marlene Robinson 207
High Single: Dan Harding 252; Brenda Harding 254
High Single HC: Dan Harding 287; Brenda Harding 294
High Triple: Dan Harding 663; Brenda Harding 701
High Triple HC: Dan Harding 768; Brenda Harding 821
Wednesday Afternoon, November 9
High Average: Ken Thompson 207; Marie Thompson 177
High Single: John Whitty 255; Solveg Stout 211
High Single HC: John Whitty 281; Solveg Stout 261
High Triple: Ken Thompson 654; Marie Thompson 554
High Triple HC: John Whitty 702; Cathy Hunt 726
Thursday Afternoon, November 10
High Average: Ken Thompson 225; Josie Cheesman 166
High Single: Bill Hogg & Ken Thompson 244 (Tie); Pearl Foster 207
High Single HC: Bill Hogg 323; Inge March 280
High Triple: Ken Thompson 665; Georgina Parkes 559
High Triple HC: Bill Hogg 811; Georgina Parkes 751
Carnarvon Bowling League Statistics
Tuesday Afternoon, November 15
High Average: Ken Thompson 213; Lillian Mattsson 189
High Single: Robert McIvor 299; Jean Hollobon 218
High Single HC: Robert McIvor 322; Jean Hollobon 297
High Triple: Ken Thompson 803; Jean Pugh 540
High Triple HC: Ken Thompson 845; Jean Pugh 687
Tuesday Night, November 15
Cancelled due to Hydro off.
Wednesday Afternoon, November 16
High Average: Ken Thompson 207; Marie Thompson 175
High Single: Ken Thompson 235; Carol Snow 248
High Single HC: Ian Comrie 275; Carol Snow 291
High Triple: Ken Thompson 621; Carol Snow 535
High Triple HC: Ian Comrie 706; Carol Snow 684
Thursday Afternoon, November 17
High Average: Ken Thompson 222; Shirley Webb 166
High Single: Ken Thompson 220; Shirley Webb 224
High Single HC: Bill Hogg 269; Stella Mamonko 293
High Triple: Ken Thompson 561; Pearl Foster 573
High Triple HC: Bill Hogg 756; Pearl Foster 723
Sunday Competition
Pins over average:
1st - Myra Marshall +136
2nd - Bev Hunt +123
3rd - Marty Shuster +116
4th - Don Nickell +93



PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Mr. Art Nesbitt
Part Lot 12 Concession 1, Boshkung Lake
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has by resolution declared part of an original shore road allowance lying in front of Part Lot 12 Concession 1, Boshkung Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, now in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Part Lot 12 Concession 1, Stanhope described as follows:

FIRSTLY: All and Singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope in the County of Haliburton and being composed of part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Part Lot 12 Concession 1 more particularly described as Part 2 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-3252.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the 1st day of December 2005 at the hour of 11:00 a.m., and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

Dated: November 2, 2005

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Led by Daniela Pagliaro Archie Stouffer Elementary School students participated in contemporary dance workshops that included close to 200 students (in Grades 4, 5 and 6) who learned about dance composition and expression. There was a final presentation last week. This program, in its third year, is sponsored by Ontario Arts Council and the Artist in Education Project.



'I remember when' event needs your stories

This is your chance to go down in history.

A new publication is in the works for the Minden Museum. Carol Simmons and Lance Aggett are compiling material about Highlanders, memories for a book that will be written and published in 2006. They hope that everyone will contribute to the memory collection, newcomers and established Highland residents alike.

Folks are invited to participate and contribute material on Thursday, December 1 at the Minden Cultural Centre. It will be

an evening focused on "I remember when." The common room will be open at 7 p.m. for those who want to take part. Come conjure up memories with your friends and neighbours over apple cider and treats. Recount your stories which will be taped and later transcribed for inclusion in the museum's history book.

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Mrs. MacDonald's Grade 3 class at Archie Stouffer Elementary School won a pizza lunch for all their hard walking during the Hike Haliburton school challenge. In addition to tasty pizza courtesy of Pasta-ta-Pizza, the healthy students also were treated to fresh fruit trays prepared by the students of the Victoria Street School's Terrific 'N Tasty Catering. At left, Brittney MacLeod and Kyle Bradley show off their fruit tray to students Tyler Martin, Larissa Stephenson, Casey Vick and Meggan Mowatt. Above, Kyle Bradley makes it easy for two of Mrs. MacDonald's students, Jenna Park (left) and Austin Olliffe (right), to get their hands on some healthy fruit.



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday December 12th, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

- File No. H-104/05
Applicant: Joan & Robert WILBEE
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 2, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Minden
Nature of the Application: New Lot
- File No. H-117/05
Applicant: Dawn MARTENS
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 3, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Minden
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition
- File No. H-118/05
Applicant: Gregory & Lisa TURNER
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 15, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Minden
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition
- File No. H-119/05
Applicant: Lorne DINESEN
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 15, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Minden
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal. If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 24th day of November, 2005.

Jane M. Tousaw, A.M.C.T.
Development Services Coordinator/Planner
County of Haliburton 11 Newcastle Street
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Notices



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 300(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, December 8, 2005 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

- File No. 05-07
Applicant - **Marcus Beach Cottage Owners Association**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of Lots 30 and 31, Concession 4, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Parts 4 and 5 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8073, registered June 28, 2005.
- File No. 05-08
Applicant - **Marcus Beach Cottage Owners Association**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of Lot 31, Concession 4, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 3 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8073, registered June 28, 2005.
- File No. 05-13
Applicant - **SAMSON (Proctor), Janet**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front of Lot 11, Concession 12, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8172, registered November 15, 2005.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Office at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 24th day of November, 2005.

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All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of **FRANCIS THOMAS WALKER**, late of the Township of Snowdon, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 16th day of September, 2005, are required to file the particulars of such claims with the undersigned Solicitors for the said Estate on or before the 10th day of December, 2005.

AND take notice that after the last day named, the assets of the said Estate, will be distributed among the persons hereto entitled having regard only to the claims of which the Executor for the Estate, being Fraser A. Rogers, shall have notice. DATED at HALIBURTON, Ontario this 8th day of November, 2005 by BISHOP AND ROGERS, Barristers and Solicitors, P.O. Box 472, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0, Solicitors for the Executor of the Estate of Francis Thomas Walker.

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450 IN MEMORIAM

SMITH, MEL – In loving memory of our dear father and grandfather who passed away a year ago today.

You were a dad with a heart of gold, Who meant more to us than wealth untold.

Without farewell you fell asleep, With only memories for us to keep.

Our lives go on without you, But nothing seems the same. At times, we hide the heartache,

When others speak your name. These few words describe, How much we do miss you; But it will take the rest of our lives,

To forget the day that we lost you.

Love always, **Larry & Donelda, Kirk & Heather, Jamie & Cheryl.**

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SMITH, MEL – Who passed away on November 23, 2004

To those of you, who knew my dad, You must admit, he was quite a lad, He had that special little grin, And don't forget his smith bum chin, He worked very hard all his life, To raise 5 boys and a loving/caring wife, He'll always be our special guy, We are thankful that we got to say goodbye, Things aren't the same without him here, And it's only been just a year, We miss him a lot, **Craig, Tammy and Owen.**

460 OBITUARIES

AT REST

MORRIS ALLAN STAMP
Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Saturday, November 19, 2005. In his 81st year.

Beloved husband of Ruth (nee McKnight) of Lindsay. Dear father of Carolyn and Jim LaPorte of Lindsay, Sheryl and Tom McGill of Oshawa, Bill and Kendra Stamp of Punta Gorda, Florida. Loving grandfather of Derrick and Sylvie LaPorte, Andrea and Dennis Jones, Jessica Scheffee and Jay Corby, Dan and Jill LaPorte, Elisa Scheffee, Billie-Joanna Stamp, Danielle Stamp and great grandfather of Alexie and Maxine LaPorte, Jaylah Corby, and Sieanna Jones. Survived by his brother-in-laws Lloyd Madill, Gary McKnight (Darlene), Bradley McKnight (Shirley), sister-in-laws Lois Nesbitt, Vera Kemohan (John), Linda Kellett (Craig) and predeceased by his brothers Wilbert and Edgar and by his sisters Mina, Shirley, Dosie, Vera, Muriel, Doris, Ruth, Audrie and Beryl. Son of the late William and Margaret Stamp. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden, Ontario (or online at www.gordonmonkfuneral-home.com) on Monday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Tuesday, November 22, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. Interment to follow at the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Ross Memorial Hospital, Palliative Care Unit or to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. CA

460 OBITUARIES

AT REST WILLIAM "BILL" VALENTINE

Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Wednesday, November 16, 2005. At the age of 73.

Beloved husband of Sandy. Dear father of Lisa and her husband Chris Schmauder. Loving grandpa of Mathew and Annalise. Dear brother of David (Carol) and predeceased by Peter (Marg). Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends. Bill taught for many years in Toronto, Uganda, Lindsay and Haliburton. Bill was a councillor for 31 years for Lutterworth Township and Minden Hills. He enjoyed music, art, and life; was a committee member for the Agnes Jamieson Cultural Centre and a Member of MENSA. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 (or online at www.gordonmonkfuneral-home.com) on Saturday, November 19, 2005 from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday, November 20, 2005 from 1:00 p.m. until the time of the Funeral Service in our Chapel at 2:00 p.m. Reception followed in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Private family interment was held at the Minden Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Agnes Jamieson Gallery would be appreciated by the family. CA

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- **Nov. 22 - 26:** Minden Hills Museum – Christmas Tree Auction & Cookie Caper. Take in the wonderful array of decorated trees & wreaths, available by silent auction. Trees & wreaths will be available for viewing Tuesday to Friday in a downtown location. Auction results on Saturday evening at the Dickens Christmas Program. No need for you to have to slave over a hot oven this season. Purchase your Christmas Baking on Friday evening. Choose from the vast assortment of seasonal goodies offered by our wonderful volunteers.
- **Nov. 24:** The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 Haliburton Ladies Auxiliary will hold their general meeting at 1 p.m. Our Zone Commander will be our guest. Members please plan to attend.
- **Nov. 24:** Ontario Early Years Centre is offering a Parent-Child Mother Goose program. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Call 457-2989 to register.
- **Nov. 24:** Ontario Early Years Centre is offering a Family Supper Night. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Call 457-2989 to register.
- **Nov. 25:** Melissa Stephens, The TriVocals & Guests in Concert. Fri., Nov. 25, Galway Hall, 7:30 p.m. An evening to celebrate the holiday season. Desserts and coffee. Christmas Loonie Auction, draws and door prizes. For more info. or to reserve tickets contact Diane Austin 488-2635 or Joyce Brown 488-2687. Sponsored by the Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development.
- **Nov. 26:** Christmas Sale sponsored by M.H.C. Auxiliary. All Gift Shop items. No tax. Home Bake Table. Toonie Table. In the Hyland Crest Lobby. Nov. 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Nov. 26:** Haliburton Spinners and Weavers invite you to the Pritchard House for Christmas shopping. We offer handmade items by local artisans in our historic house, decorated for the festive season. Join us on Saturday, Nov. 26 to celebrate the holidays at our open house. Hours: Thurs.-Sat., 10:30 to 4:30 Christmas. Hours: Tues.-Sat., Nov. 29 to Dec. 22.
- **Nov. 26:** Christmas Craft & Bake Sale – West Guilford Community Centre, Sat., Nov. 26. Doors open 9 a.m. Lunch available. All vendors welcome. For info. call Myra at 754-1457.
- **Nov. 26:** St. James Anglican Church, Kinmount – Christmas Luncheon, Bazaar & Bake table. Sat., Nov. 26, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- **Nov. 26:** Annual Christmas and Craft & Bake Sale at the Gooderham Church on Sat., Nov. 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Soup and sandwich lunch available.
- **Nov. 26:** Dorset Christmas Community Bazaar & Craft Show at the Dorset Rec Centre on Sat., Nov. 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A great opportunity to pick up that special one of a kind gift. Room for vendors. Lunch available. Call (705) 766-9968 for more details drc@vianet.on.ca
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- **Nov. 26:** Minden Hills Cultural Centre – Dickens Christmas, Sat., Nov. 26, 7-9 p.m. It's Christmas 1878 and Charles Dickens Jr. is coming to Minden to read one of his father's stories "A Christmas Dinner". We'll have cider and goodies, musical entertainment and lots of surprises. Join us at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre for this celebration of Christmas traditions. Call 286-3154 for more information.
- **Nov. 26:** Minden Hills Cultural Centre – Christmas Tree/Wreath Auction, Sat., Nov. 26, 7-9 p.m. Watch for the extraordinary trees - decorated by businesses, organizations and individuals – which will be on display around Minden Nov. 22-25. Cast your bids and attend the Dickens Christmas event at the Cultural Centre where winners will be announced. Call 286-3154.
- **Nov. 26:** Dickens Christmas Program – Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden. The festivities will offer something to delight all your senses. Charles Dickens will provide insights into his ambitious and interesting travels. Local choirs and individuals will entertain you with their seasonal renditions. During the evening you can finalize your bids on the Christmas Tree Auction. The winning bids will be announced at the close of the evening.
- **Nov. 26:** Haliburton County Folk Society presents Finest Kind in Concert. Sat., Nov. 26, 8:00 p.m. York St. Internet Café (across from the Rail's End Gallery), Haliburton. Tickets available at: York St. Internet Café, 457-8880 or Golden's Stationers, 286-2110.
- **Nov. 26:** Dorset Rec Centre – Everyone is welcome to attend a meeting Sat., Nov. 26, 10:00 a.m. re: Housing for Active Seniors. A non-profit Community Project.
- **Nov. 28 to Dec. 21:** 10th Annual Christmas Toy Challenge, arrange for gift pick up by calling the Haliburton County Home Builders office at 457-2629.

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- **Red Hat Society Ladies.** Shop at the Pritchard House for one of a kind Red and Purple items hand made by local artisans just for you. Hours: Thurs.-Sat., 10:30 to 4:30; Christmas. Hours: Tues.-Sat., Nov. 29 to Dec. 22.
- **Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** monthly meeting – held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, Highland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. For info. call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to ssisson@haliburtonecho.ca, or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.

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\$169,000



GREAT STARTER HOME

Great starter home looking for your finishing touches. Cute one bedroom home located close to the town of Gooderham, on a pretty lot. Many extra features included. Great opportunity for do-it-yourself buyers. For more information call Geoff or Miranda.

\$69,000



286-2911
ext. 47

12 MILE LAKE

Waterfront lot, 165 ft of sand beach, level, excellent building site, enjoy miles of boating on this popular 3 lake chain.

\$199,900

LOG HOME

Custom built 3 bedroom home on 12 acres just minutes from Minden, loads of upgrades & extras, includes a detached 2 car garage & workshop.

\$229,900



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CIRCA 1870 LOG HOME

Totally restored, 200 amp service, new wiring, plumbing, oil furnace & tank, A/C, FR w/fireplace & thermo windows. Drilled well, 30x50 barn in good condition. 20x40 drive shed. All this on 100 acres. Seller will hold 1st mortgage O.A.C. Call Fred Chapple.

\$339,000



A GREAT RENTAL OPPORTUNITY

Here is your chance to own a home which boasts "old-world charm". 4 bedrooms - lots of room to roam. Has commercial C-1 zoning - start your own home business.

\$124,900



457-1011
ext. 224

MINDEN

Enjoy the charm & comfort of this authentic log home, hand-crafted & constructed from local red pine. You'll love the 2100+ sq foot multi-level floor plan, catering to your families everyday needs. 3 bdrms, 3 baths, large entertaining area, FR, pine kit. & w/o bsmt w/1 bdrm apt, nestled on 23 acres. This property also features spring fed pond, perennial gardens, fenced horse paddock, & garage. Whether your needs are an all season home or country retreat the rustic beauty of this log home will charm & enchant you.

\$229,000



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ext. 45

IN TOWN MINDEN HOME

Very comfortable 2 bdrm single floor plan home w/garage. Cozy sunroom, fenced backyard with deck, upgraded windows, furnace, oil tank & roof tiles. Ask for Victor Disik.

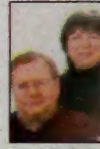
\$99,900



PEACE WITH STRENGTH

This 3 bdrm architect designed home is conveniently situated between Minden and Haliburton on 5 acres of groomed land. Ideal family home or for people artistically inclined. Ask for Victor Disik.

\$225,000



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ext. 41

POST & BEAM ON MINDEN LAKE

Custom built and designed with pine log siding, 3 bedrooms, 2 4pc baths, main floor laundry. Large great room with propane fireplace, many windows and sliding doors to deck overlooking the lake. Boat lift stays too!

\$399,000



457-1011
ext. 225

NEW LISTING

Great 3 bdrm family or retirement home located 15 minutes east of Haliburton on Hwy. #118. This home also features 2 baths, finished recroom with w/o as well as a w/o off the dining room to back deck, large, private backyard and more. Call today for viewing!

\$139,900



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ext. 248

CENTURY FARMHOUSE

Quaint 5 bdrm home located on Hwy #118 across from Green Lake, a 3 lake chain. Great 4 acre retreat property. House has loads of character. Enjoy the breeze & lake view from the front porch swing. Upgrades in recent years. Lge loft area can be made into a studio or master suite. New drilled well in 2002. Reshingled in 1997. Call Elizabeth.

\$219,000



286-2911
exts. 23 & 46

HORSESHOE LAKE

Parklike setting at Minden Whitewater Preserve. Immaculate 4 bdrm fully insulated Viceroy home/cottage w/155 ft of lakefront. Central heat & vacuum. Airtight stove in sunken living room. Double size garage/workshop. Please call Tracy or Lenor.

\$379,900



100 ACRES WITH BEAVER POND

Why not hunt on your own 100 acres this season? This parcel features a mixed forest with approximately a 25 acre beaver pond w/an abundance of water lilies and 10 acres of low lands.

\$69,000



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ext. 223

INGOLDSBY

Well maintained 1800 sq ft bungalow. Modern oak kitchen w/island, w/o kitchen to rear deck, new cedar bath with Jacuzzi tub, 3 bdrms, main floor laundry & new roof, new drilled well, close to lake access.

NOW \$169,000



BOSHKUNG LAKE

Spectacular view from this 3 bdrm cottage. Country kitchen with a lake view, open concept living room, w/o LR to deck, perimeter foundation, modern septic, natural rock lot, Western view.

ASKING \$349,000



457-1011
exts. 230 & 237

INCOME PROPERTY, HALIBURTON VILLAGE

Building & Land Only. Busy comm. prop. offers the best in location in Haliburton Village across from Head Lake, municipal dock & public park. 6,635 structure has 4 office or retail entrances at street level, 2-2 bdrm & 2-1 bdrm apts, which are fully occupied. There are a total of 14 parking spaces at street level & the rear of upper level.

\$419,000



BENOIR LAKE

Warm & cozy 3 bdrm, 2 bath, yr rnd home w/deeded access & dock w/sand beach on Benoir Lake along w/shared ownership of wooded 3 acre parcel connected to backyard, new furnace, decks, ensuite, as well as a wired & heated double detached garage. This little gem is located at the southern end of Algonquin Park and just minutes from Martin Wood golf course.

\$219,000



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ext. 40

NEW LISTING

DAVIS LAKE ROAD

Two lots (6.9 acres and 6.1 acres) on year round Township road with hydro at lot line and backing onto crown land. Call Melanie for details.

\$17,500

HOME AND ACREAGE

Beautiful 3 bdrm, 2 bath Viceroy home set on 29 acres of mixed bush. Features incl. well-to-wall windows & cathedral ceiling in the living room, FP w/insert, w/o dining room & master bedroom & a partially finished w/o bsmt. Call Melanie for details.

\$179,900



457-1011
ext. 227

LAKE KASHAGAWIGAMOG

Did you miss the open house? I'll take you on a private tour of this wonderful warm home with the sun shining in the lakefront windows and show you the spread of land that surrounds this stunning home. Bring your family and friends to enjoy the decks, dock and beauty of the lake.

ONLY \$649,000



CUSTOM HOME

Enjoy the privacy of 38 acres while you relax in this completely finished custom built home. Custom kitchen, high quality flooring, excellent workmanship throughout this home. Screened-in room w/a hot tub lets you enjoy Haliburton outdoors longer! Energy efficiency was built into the design of this home.

\$299,000



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ext. 234

FAMILY COMPOUND RESORT

The sun will rise over the lake. Stroll the 660 ft of shoreline or explore the 40 acres of land during the day then retire in one of the 8 bdrms in the main building, in one of the 11 cabins or maybe the managers residence. This place has to be explored to be appreciated so let me guide you through the property.

ONLY \$1,250,000



COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Great location in downtown Haliburton Village w/parking! Bring your business to this location which offers 1800 sq ft.

\$275,000

